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1. The following were present:

Mr. Clinton	State
Major Jacobson	Army
Lieut. Madden	Navy
Major Malone	Air Force
25X1A9a Lieut. Shelton	Air Force
	CIA (Chairman)
	CIA (Vice-Chairman)

2. USSR Biographies

The problem of downgrading all items in the USSR Biographies to "Confidential" was discussed by the Committee (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 166). Examination by various members indicated there was slight possibility of further downgrading of the SECRET biographies without first removing important evaluation material from these biographies, since they had been extracted in many cases from TOP SECRET documents. The problem will be examined further and a final decision reached at the next meeting, but it was the consensus of the Committee to go along with a classification of SECRET rather than delete important material from the biographies.

3. NIS Correlation Guide

The revised Correlation Guide with minor changes was approved for publication in the Standard Instructions. The Chairman said that the Guide will be printed and sent to all holders of Standard Instructions for insertion therein. Any desired changes in the Correlation Guide resulting from its use can be made when the Standard Instructions as a whole are revised.

4. NIS Gazetteers

The members reported favorably on the proposed new format for the NIS Gazetteers (refer to NIS Committee Meeting No. 166), particularly in respect to the removal of the last two columns and to the loose-leaf format to provide for insertion of correction pages. It was agreed that the Foreword should include a clearer statement as to the use and relation of the standard names to their variants which appear in the Gazetteer.

5. [REDACTED]

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In reply to two queries regarding the NIS [REDACTED] the Chairman 25X6A reported that (a) [REDACTED] had agreed to issuing 100 copies of all [REDACTED]

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elements in view of the increased requirement for additional copies; and (b) the question raised by the Army member as to whether or not Chapter VIII (Armed Forces) would be produced is under consideration. The Chairman will report further on the Chapter VIII matter when he receives word. Members will report at the next meeting the additional number of copies of elements which they require and the designated offices in their Agencies to which they are to be sent.

6. Production Schedule for 1955

The Committee's examination of the Tentative Production Schedule for FY 1955 involved three considerations: a) re-examination of scheduled sections under Maintenance; b) cut back in total scheduled sections to allow for newly scheduled Chapters I; and c) anticipated backlog at the end of FY 1954 which would become a production requirement for FY 1955. This examination disclosed the following:

a. State dropped 4 maintenance sections from the new schedule. The State member considered that the remainder met the fundamental criteria established by the Committee. The other members had no changes to recommend in their maintenance schedules.

b. The Vice-Chairman pointed out that the Tentative Schedule for FY 1955 appeared to be too heavy when consideration was given to the new Chapters I, to the anticipated backlog at the end of FY 1954, and to approximately 12 to 15 Chapter VI sections on the Bloc Area which were still to be scheduled. He suggested that each agency carefully examine its schedule with these considerations in mind.

The State member estimated there would be defections for the current year's production of no more than 15 to 20 sections, and that these would be finished shortly after the new fiscal year without diminishing State's capabilities to handle the regular schedule.

The Army member said he was in the process of adjusting the FY 55 Schedule for the new Chapters I and would have Army's schedule in shape very shortly.

The Vice-Chairman said that the Tentative Schedule for 1955 would be published as soon as Army's report was received. In the meantime, the Committee agreed that the other agencies could promulgate their own schedules. The Committee appreciated the fact that later consideration would have to be given to the production requirements for Chapter VI Sections on the Bloc Area.

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c. In view of OSI's request for a change in the order of Chapter I production, the Committee approved the following FY 1955 schedule for Chapters I:

NIS 7	Denmark	15 Aug 54
14	Poland	1 Oct 54
11	Sweden ✓	1 Dec 54 ✓
42	Thailand ✓	1 Feb 55 ✓
21	Yugoslavia	1 Apr 55 ✓
10	Norway	1 Jun 55 ✓
35	India	1 Jul 55

7. Supplement V (Petroleum)

The Chairman said that D/B staff had been examining all aspects of the NIS with the view to further economy in the NIS Program. In this respect it appeared that Supplement V (Petroleum Intelligence) might well be discontinued in the near future for the following reasons:

a. Supplements V will have been produced on all the principal oil-producing countries of the world by the end of this fiscal year.

b. For other areas an expanded Section 62C could adequately serve the NIS requirement for petroleum intelligence.

c. When revisions of the published Supplements V under the Maintenance Program become necessary, it would appear that the expanded 62C could be utilized, since the present Outline for Supplement V contains much highly technical geological matter of only limited use.

The Chairman requested the members to consider this proposal which will be more fully explored at the next meeting.

8. Miscellany

a. The Air Force member indicated Air Force dissemination requirements for Chapter I on Iran would be the same as for other Chapters.

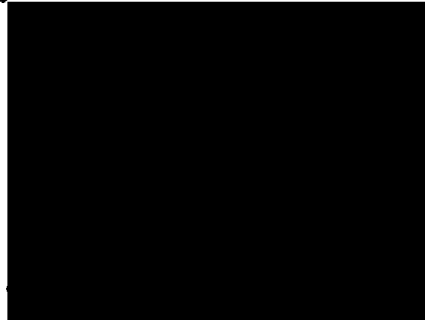
b. The Army member said that a meeting between Army and Navy representatives was to be held this week to resolve the problem respecting the release of NIS elements to SACLANT.

c. The Committee agreed to develop a Tentative NIS Production Schedule for Fiscal Year 1956 as soon as the 1955 schedule had been completed.

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9. The next regular meeting of the NIS Committee will be held at 1000 hours on Tuesday, 20 April 1954.



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